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SUBJ: MRS CARTER'S VISIT TO CARACAS: ISSUE EVENT
SUGGESTIONS

1. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ISSUE EVENT
PROJECT FOR INCLUSION IN MRS CARTER'S VENEZUELA PROGRAM
INSTEAD OF A VIST TO A SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT:

VENEZUELAN CONGRESS. THE STATELY 100 YEAR OLD BUILD-
INGS OF THE CONGRESS SYMBOLIZE DEMOCRATIC RULE IN VENEZUELA.
DURING A BRIEF TOUR OF THE CONGRESS MRS CARTER COULD
VISIT ONE OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS AND THEN BE RECEIVED
BY CONGRESS PRESIDENT GONZALO BARRIOS, WHO IS ALSO THE
RESPECTED PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNING ACCION DEMOCRATICA
PARTY, AND A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF LEGISLATORS, FOR AN
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. CENTRALLY LOCATED, THE CONGRESSIONAL
COURTYARD WILL PROVIDE A GOOD LOCATION FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS
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AND TV CREWS TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE CARTER PARTY.

2. SHOULD THIS NOT BE ACCEPTABLE FOR SOME REASON, THE
EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES.

A). CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV). UNION
LEADERSHIP IN VENEZUELA IS STRNGLY COMMITTED TO THE

PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRATIC RULE. CTV LEADERS HAVE LONG
STANDING TIES WITH AFL-CIO LEADERS AND OTHER US TRADE
UNIONISTS. MANY RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM THE AFL-CIO
WHILE IN EXILE. MRS CARTER COULD CALL ON THE CTV EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AT CASA SINDICAL (UNION HALL) THUS EMPHASIZING
LABOR'S COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY HERE AND THE LINKS BETWEEN
US LABOR AND VENEZUELAN LABOR. SUCH A VISIT WITH
VENEZUELAN LABOR LEADERS WOULD SHOW MRS CARTER'S INTEREST
IN THE WORKING MAN. IT WOULD ALSO BE A NICE RECIPROCAL
GESTURE TO VENEZUELAN TRADE UNIONISTS WHO INVARIABLY
ARRANGE FOR VISITING US TRADE UNIONISTS TO BE RECEIVED
BY PRESIDENT PEREZ.

B) PARQUE CENTRAL. CENTRALLY LOCATED, VISIBLE, AND
HIGHLY PHOTOGENIC, THE PARQUE CENTRAL COMPLEX IS SYMBOLIC
OF THE MODERN VENEZUELA AND THE GOV'S SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION
TO ITS URBAN PROBLEM. ALONG WITH NUMEROUS CONFERENCE HALLS,
RESTAURANTS, AND SHOPS, THE COMPLEX INCLUDES APARTMENTS FOR
UPPER MIDDLE CLASS AND WEALTHY VENEZUELAN. IN THIS
SENSE IT IS NOT PEOPLE ORIENTED. THERE IS A WORKING CLASS
HOUSING PROJECT NEARBY WHICH IS TO BE INCLUDED EVENTUALLY
IN THE PARQUE CENTRAL COMPLEX. HOWEVER, THE PARQUE CENTRAL
COMPLEX IS SEPARATED FROM THE HOUSING PROJECT BY A FREEWAY
AND IT IS NOT EASY TO DRIVE FROM ONE TO THE OTHER.

C) NEW HIGHWAY PROJECT. ABOUT 5 MILES FROM CARACAS
A 200 FOOT HIGH SPAN OF A NEW HIGHWAY BRIDGE IS NEARING
COMPLETION. THE NEW HIGHWAY WILL PROVIDE RAPID ACCESS TO
THE EASTERN HALF OF VENEZUELA. THE ENGINEERING TECHNIQUES
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USED IN CONSTRUCTING THE NEW BRIDGE SYMBOLIZE THE GOV'S
MODERN APPROACH TO DEVELOPING THE COUNTRY. MRS. CARTER'S
VISIT TO THE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION SITE WOULD PROVIDE
A GOOD PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. ONE DRAWBACK IS THAT THE SITE
IS SOMEWHAT REMOVED FROM THE CITY, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A
LONG DRIVE.

3. WE BELIEVE THE GOV WILL BE HAPPY TO SHOW MRS. CARTER
ANY OF THE FOREGOING. PLEASE ADVISE.
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